Our Pioneer Ancestors

1730 - 1913

In loving gratitude to our Pioneer Ancestors, who so bravely faced the wilderness, that we, their children's children, might one day reap the benefit, this offering is made to the Seventh Generation.

The history of the different branches follow the same order as the family trees.
Written and compiled by Maud Wilson, the grand-daughter of William Collier and Sally Grubb.
December 25, 1913, Salem, Indiana.

CROOK AND COLLIER

JOHN CROOK

JOHN COLLIER and CASSANDRA CROOK

JAMES COLLIER

ZACHARIAH COLLIER

John Crook, our ancestor, was born in Ireland, but reared and educated in England; crossed to America in 1730. He had six children: Ozias, Absalom, Ephriam, Zepheniah, Zachariah and Cassandra (our great-great-grandmother).

Ozias married Rebekah Stevens and had a son, John, who was a Major in the Revolutionary War. He was with General Washington at Yorktown when Lord Cornwallis surrendered. Ozias came to Madison County, Kentucky, in 1789, and it is thought his father's family came at the same time. The Crooks were very tall, slender people, extremely dark skin, with black hair and eyes. The complexion of the Crooks was handed down, through Cassandra, to the Colliers.

Cassandra Crook was born in 1770; early life was spent in Madison County, Kentucky, where she married John Collier. She died in Washington County, Indiana, in 1844.

John Collier (our ancestor, and husband of Cassandra Crook), was of English descent, and came from Virginia and located in Madison County, Kentucky, where he married about 1790. True to the military spirit of the Crooks, Cassandra matched, if not excelled, John Collier's pioneer spirit. She stood stanchly by him in all his wanderings, and during this time of strain and stress, had become the mother of ten children. The story of their lives was recorded by Zachariah, one of their sons, as taken from an old printed record, and given as follows:

John Collier was seized by the restless spirit of the times, and hearing such wonderful reports of the fertility of the bottom lands of Illinois, decided to invest in a tract of land in that vicinity. In 1807, they packed their belongings on horses, and with members of the family riding to keep the pack horses together, they started for their new home in the wilderness. They came north and crossed the Ohio River close to what was then called Yellow Banks. They passed Fort Chartres, which was surrounded by a stone fortification, and in a sink hole; near were seven cannons. It was a French fort and had been captured by an American or English officer and later abandoned. Within two miles of Kaskaskia, they saw a village of friendly Indians. On reaching the bottom lands of Illinois, it proved to be as fertile as reported, so John bought an exceedingly fine tract, which had on it a comfortable house and out-buildings. Later, he bought one hundred more acres, paying one dollar an acre, on which was a young orchard. They wintered their stock on Rush Island. The stock came out fat and sleek in the spring. But with the low, fertile land was malaria. The family sickened, and the neighbors warned them if they tried to live there over the fall, they would all be under the sod. So the land was sold and they returned to Madison County, Kentucky. Here he made one crop and sold it in the field, and again, with his family, he was on the road to another promised land—this time Missouri. Instead of going with pack horses they used a Conestoga wagon, which held the household goods and family. They were ferried over the Ohio into Indiana and followed the road to Princeton. In crossing a little stream with high banks called Congo Creek,

the wagon containing most of their belongings and the family, ran off the bridge and fell into the water. No one was seriously hurt but everyone was thoroughly drenched. Darkness came on and they were helpless to get the wagon and its contents out of the stream, until the settlers came to their assistance. Much kindness was shown the family and they remained in the vicinity of Princeton, making one crop. But the next season moved to within two miles of where New Harmony now stands. Here they remained on the Wabash River until after the noted earthquakes of 1811. At this time the Indians were on the war path and General Harrison was trying to quell the disturbances that Tecumseh and his brother the Prophet were agitating. The Indians headed by Tecumseh came down the Wabash in great numbers. General Harrison, fearing trouble, gathered his forces at his headquarters at Vincennes—John Collier being one of his guards. As Zachariah, one of the children was there, in all probability Cassandra went with John, taking the family for protection. They witnessed the reception of Tecumseh by General Harrison at the peace conference in front of his home, and the refusal of Tecumseh to be seated in the chair the General offered him. "No, the earth is my mother, I will repose on her bosom." They also saw Tecumseh and his warriors as they went down the Wabash in their canoes to stir up the other Indian tribes to war. But the most thrilling impression of Zachariah's childhood was the great earthquakes, in 1811. John Collier was absent from home when the first shock came. Cassandra put all the children under a bed, and then with an ax in her hand, while one of her oldest sons held a loaded rifle, stood guard awaiting an assault, as she supposed, by the Indians. As no further trouble came, they very carefully reconnoitered and found no enemy. They soon learned all the settlers had been greatly alarmed. These earthquake shocks continued at intervals over a period of three months. The Wabash river was frozen to a great thickness, during one of the upheavals; it burst with the roar of a thousand cannons, columns of sand and water being thrown high into the air. Fearing a return of the earthquakes, and the Indians still on the warpath, John and Cassandra moved back to Madison County, Kentucky, in 1812, where they remained long enough to make two crops. But the pioneer spirit kept him unsettled, and early in the spring of 1814 with his undaunted wife and children, the youngest being one year old, they moved to Madison, Indiana. He bought land and had in seven acres of corn when a fearful storm occurred, and together with fresh out-breaks from the Indians, they became alarmed, and sold their land, and came on a flat boat down the Ohio to Jeffersonville, Indiana, and here they remained two weeks at the Sulphur Springs. Learning emigration was heavy toward what is now Washington County, Indiana, so he entered a tract of land close to Campbellsburg, and brought his family there. This proved to be the end of their wanderings. John died in 1831, and Cassandra in 1844. Both lie buried on a high bluff on the old home place, on what is now the Hutchinson Brown farm, two miles from Campbellsburg.

Of their ten children, several of whom must have died in infancy, we have record of the following:

James Collier, born January 24, 1798, married Sally Lockhart.

Zachariah Collier, born March 20, 1802, married Keziah De Pauw.

Elizabeth Collier, born, married John Pollard.

Nancy Collier, born, married William Pollard.

Harrison Collier, born March 4, 1813, married Nancy Stephenson.

CROOK AND COLLIER

Zachariah, the family historian, had a remarkable memory and could relate the early incidents of his life very vividly. He was born in Madison County, Kentucky, March 20, 1802, and came to Indiana with his parents when he was twelve years old. He married June 5, 1823, Keziah De Pauw (born 1799, died March 6, 1866), a daughter of Charles De Pauw, a boyhood friend of Lafayette. Charles De Pauw came with Lafayette to America to aid the Colonists in their struggle. He was with Lafayette at Yorktown and tied a sash around the General's knee when he was wounded by a rifle ball. At the close of the war he returned to France and was sent back by his Government to settle Colonies in Louisiana. He died and was buried in New Orleans but later his remains were brought to Crown Hill in Salem. After his marriage, Zachariah Collier entered the river trade with his brother-in-law, General John De Pauw, and had many thrilling experiences. Much of his later life was spent at Campbellsburg, Indiana. Died in 1883, and with his wife, Keziah, lies at Livonia cemetery.

To this union of Zachariah Collier and Keziah De Pauw Collier were born six daughters:

Polly Ann Collier, born April 10, 1824, married James Madison Brown.
Amanda Jane Collier, born December 24, 1826, married Joseph Moore.
Melinda Collier, born July 23, 1829, married Benjamin H. Snodgrass; later George W. Bartlett.
Keziah Susan Collier, born November 16, 1832, died young.
Ellen Maria Collier, born July 1, 1835, married Lafayette Lemon.
Eliza Collier, born January 28, 1839, married Dr. Finley Lee.

James Collier, (son of John Collier and Cassandra), **married Sally Lochart March 12, 1818, at Campbellsburg.**

William Collier, born May 28, 1819, married Sally Grubb.
Mary Ann Collier, born March 25, 1821, married Isaiah Gee.
John Collier, born May 29, 1823, married Rebekah Pavy.
Uriah Collier, born December 25, 1824, married Matilda Hinds.
Elizabeth Collier born December 20, 1826, married Adam Wright.
Harrison Collier, born October 28, 1828, married Louisa Hostettler.
Cassinda Collier, born December 19, 1830, married Absalom Hostettler.
Andrew Collier, born January 19, 1833, married Eliza Miller; later Mary Link Collier.
Susannah Collier, born December 11, 1834, married Hezekiah Miller.
Stephen Collier, born April 18, 1836, married Mary Link.
Sarah Jane Collier, born April 14, 1838, married George Bogle.
James Madison Collier, born April 16, 1840, died young.
Melinda Collier born April 10, 1842, married Benjamin Standish,

COLLIER AND LOCKHART

THOMAS LOCKHART

JOHN LOCKHART

WILLIAM LOCKHART and ELIZABETH FLETCHER

SALLY LOCKHART

James Collier, (son of John and Cassandra Crook), was born in Madison County, Kentucky, January 24, 1798, and reached Washington County, Indiana, 1814, with his parents, when he was sixteen years old, having been with them in all their wanderings. He bore strong marks of the Crook blood from Cassandra, being slender and extremely dark. He was a life long sufferer from asthma, which he bore very patiently. A charter member of the Christian Church at Campbellsburg, and a great Bible student, his old Bible still bearing the marks of his study on almost every page. Extremely honest, and careful about paying his debts. It was a custom of his, to go to church before the first bell rung, and in attendance one night contracted a cold, this with asthma developed pneumonia, from which he soon died in his 74th year, 1872.

His last words, so characteristic of his life, were, "Owe no man anything." He, together with Sally Lockhart, his wife, lie buried in the Hop Cemetery, two miles north of Campbellsburg.

Thomas Lockhart, (great-grandfather of Sally Lockhart Collier), came from Ireland about 1730, and settled in Virginia. He later had four sons, John, William, Thomas and James.

John, (son of Thomas), had four sons, also: William, John, Richard and Thomas. Richard, (son of John, son of Thomas), was a soldier in the Revolutionary War; was with General Washington at Yorktown, and witnessed the surrender of Cornwallis.

William, (John's oldest son), married Elizabeth Fletcher at Stockton, Surry County, Virginia, 1794. (Elizabeth had one brother, Joseph, she often mentioned, who also lived in Virginia). William and Elizabeth had four sons and five daughters: Thomas, John, Joseph and Stockton. They moved from Virginia to North Carolina about 1805. (Thomas, the oldest son, at the age of 18 years, volunteered in the war of 1812, and marched from North Carolina to Canada). William and Elizabeth moved from North Carolina to what is now Washington County, Indiana, in 1813, settling near Claysville. Thomas, (son of William and Elizabeth), settled in Hendricks County, Indiana. Stockton, (son of William and Elizabeth), settled in Owen County, Indiana. William and Elizabeth's daughters were Sally, Martha, Nancy, Polly and Sukey, all of whom came to Indiana with their parents.

William was a nurseryman and brought seeds from North Carolina and set out orchards, soon after his arrival.

COLLIER AND LOCKHART

Sally Lockhart (oldest daughter of William and Elizabeth Fletcher, and wife of James Collier) was born in Stockton, Surrey Co., Virginia, February 13, 1802, died of appoplexy in Campbellsburg, in 1875. She was eleven years old when she came from North Carolina to Indiana. Was short in stature, very fair, blue eyes and light red hair. Although she was the mother of thirteen children, not one inherited her complexion or hair. Possessed a shrewd, quick mind, and was fine in mental arithmetic. Thrifty and energetic, did all of her own spinning, weaving, knitting and sewing. She was a charter member of the Christian Church at Campbellsburg. Her daughter Malinda tells,—"While riding with her third child in her arms from Claysville toward Lost River, she was followed through the woods by wolves. She ran her horse a long distance until she came to a clearing where some wood choppers dispersed the wolves."

There were no inherited diseases in the Lockhart family. Were religious and had several Christian preachers in their line.

COLLIER AND GRUBB

WILLIAM GRUBB

JACOB GRUBB and SALLY RICE

SALLY GRUBB

William Collier, (oldest son of James Collier and Sally Lockhart, and grandson of John Collier and Cassandra Crook), was born near Campbellsburg, May 28, 1819. William inherited his mother's features and form, but had the dark complexion, hair and eyes, of the Colliers that came from the Crooks. After his marriage to Sally Grubb, they located on a farm a mile and a half east of Campbellsburg, where four daughters were born. He was quick and energetic, and together with the thrift and exceptional business ability of his wife, they soon beamce very prosperous. He became an extensive trader in live stock; often handling several hundred head of hogs at a time. After the marriage of his oldest daughter, Ellen, to Lewis Caspar, William and Sally moved to Campbellsburg, where he and Lewis Caspar entered the dry goods business. He took cold following a vaccination, from which he died May 27, 1862, in his 43d year. Had his life been spared a few more years, he bid fair to have become one of Washington County's wealthy citizens. Together with Sally Grubb, his wife, he lies in Hop Cemetery.

William Grubb, (grandfather of Sally Grubb Collier), was of Dutch ancestry and lived in Pennsylvania, according to the first record.

Jacob, (son of William, and father of Sally Grubb Collier), was born in Pennsylvania, in 1774. Died of paralysis, near Beck's Mill, in 1860. The adventurous spirit of the times led him to North Carolina, then to Tennessee; later he located in Bowling Green, Kentucky. He was small in stature, though rugged and strong. Of a pleasant disposition, and thoroughly enjoyed a good joke. Well educated for the times and loved to read; was a good Bible student. Very truthful, and made this a strong point with his children. Was a good cooper, although he did not follow this as a trade. He was in Kentucky during the Restoration Movement of the Christian Church, and was a staunch adherent of this faith. He married Sally Rice, in Bowling Green, Kentucky, and they later spent two years in a community of Shakers. In 1815, they came to Washington County, Indiana, with all their worldly goods on pack horses, which he led, carrying his gun and ax on his shoulder, locating near Beck's Mill.

Sally Rice, (wife of Jacob Grubb, and mother of Sally Grubb Collier), was English, and is supposed to have come from Virginia into Kentucky, settling at Bowling Green. She was born in 1798, and died of dropsy near Beck's Mill, Washington County, in 1840. Well educated for the times and loved music; possessed a good voice, and during her last illness, would ask to be propped up in bed, so she could sing. She was tall and fair with very light hair; extremely neat in appearance, always wore white cap, neckerchief and white apron. In the two years she and Jacob spent with the Shakers, she had become very proficient in tailoring, weaving and spinning. She spun sewing thread for neighbors for miles around, and took great pride in her own linen sheets and coverlids she had made. Together with Jacob Grubb, her husband, she lies on the old home farm close to Kansas Church, two miles from Beck's Mill.

COLLIER AND GRUBB

To the union of Jacob Grubb and Sally Rice were born six children:
Nancy, married Elijah Purkhiser.
Caroline, married Elijah Newby.
Virgil, located in Centralia, Illinois.
Sally, married William Collier.
Joel, located in Carthage, Missouri.
John, married Florella Buchanan.

Sally Grubb, (daughter of Jacob Grubb and Sally Rice, wife of William Collier), was born in 1816, died August 26, 1888. Her early life was spent near Beck's Mill. She was tall and slender, and always held herself very erect. Was rather blond; had blue eyes, straight hair and good features, especially fine nose. Very quick in mental arithmetic, computing rapidly, partial payments and compound interest on notes mentally. When quite young, she acquired her mother's proficiency in tailoring and weaving. She bought the first sewing machine that came to Washington County, paying $175.00 for it. She dressed herself by sewing and had handsome clothes for the times. Her chief girlhood pride being a red all-wool merino dress and a purple silk dress, she bought at Bebe Booth's store in Salem.

At this time the Christian Churches of Washington County held an annual camp meeting at Mill Creek, sometimes lasting five or six weeks, if the religious ardor was strong. Log cabins were built around the church for sleeping quarters and the different families furnished their own bedding and food. This was a great social event, and the Colliers' and Grubbs' were enthusiastic attendants. It was here that William Collier met, wooed and won Sally Grubb.

They were married December 12, 1839, by John P. Gilstrap.

William Collier and Sally Grubb, issue as following:
Sarah Ellen Collier, born November 16, 1840, died September 13, 1888.
Florella Collier, born December 27, 1843, died March 17, 1877.
Harriette Collier, born January 13, 1847, died March 4, 1905.
Jennie Collier, born January 2, 1849, died November 28, 1905.

COLLIER AND GRUBB

Sarah Ellen Collier married Lewis Caspar, (born in Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, November 6, 1830, died 1868). **Issue:**

ALICE CASPAR, married Warder W. Stevens—issue, Ray Stevens and Warda Stevens, married Charles Stout, } issue, Alice Stout.

ANNA CASPAR, married Elisha M. C. Hobbs—issue, Howard Hobbs, married Gertrude Givens. Wilbur Hobbs and Ellen Hobbs. married Ethel Smith.

HARRIETT CASPAR, married Charles Andrew Rhetts—issue, Charles Caspar Rhetts.

FLORELLA COLLIER, married Peter Commodore Cauble, (born August 5, 1832; died January 10, 1910)—issue,

Ella Cauble, married S. Frank Clouser—issue, Flora May Clouser.

Laura Cauble.

Della Cauble, married Leroy Vellom—issue, Bertha Vellom, Ralph Vellom and Ellen Vellom.

Jennie Cauble, married Frank R. Waite—issue, Ray Waite and Joseph Waite.

Sallie Cauble, married James Holliday—issue, James Holiday, Mary Frances Holiday and Lee Holiday.

Dr. Wm. C. Cauble, married Harriett Banks.

HARRIETT COLLIER, married Thomas Rodman—issue,

Evanda Rodman, { 1st marriage John Marshall—issue, Harry Marshall, married Ona Dismore, } issue, Eveylin Marshall. 2nd marriage John Hopper—issue, Monon Hopper and Harriett Hopper, married Dr. John Davidson.

Burton Rodman, married Maud Chastain—issue, Daphne Rodman and Noble Rodman.

JENNIE COLLIER, married Dr. Richard John Wilson, (born October 2, 1846).

Maud Wilson.

Carl Wilson, married Melusina Vogt—issue, Carl Vogt Wilson and Bruce Frederick Wilson.

Elizabeth Wilson, married Arthur Lindley Stout—issue, Elizabeth Stout.

Ellen Wilson, married Dr. Byron Merle Hutchings.

Collier Family

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Although I have spent considerable time with your interesting family research, I think I probably cannot shed any more light on your search since your family (with the possible exception of Daisy Collier Jones) did not live in this area.

The People's Guide to Morgan County p. 179 says that John Collier settled in the county in 1869. You think he was your great-grandfather. Have you checked each available census for Morgan county on a page-by-page basis to see if you could find some of Rev. John Collier's children and their descendants?

Even so, since so many years have transpired they may have moved away from Morgan county many years ago and their children have died.

I am enclosing a copy from the current Terre Haute telephone directory listing Colliers, but I have a feeling that many if not all of them are newcomers. Only one - an Arthur Collier is retired and possibly old enough to know anything about your family.

In the 1920 Indiana Soundex, I did find a 57 year-old Jerry Collier living in Monroe county with sons Walter O., 35, and Henry R. 28. His wife was Eliza so I think this is one you are already familiar with. There may have been descendants from this line that could be contacted., and the Monroe County Public Library at 303 E. Kirkwood Ave., Bloomington IN 47408-3592 might be able to assist you.

David N. Lewis

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Attention: David N. Lewis

Dear David,

Thank you so much for your response to my letter regarding my Collier/Jones research.

I will start from the beginning and still try to remain as brief as possible. The only thing that was passed down was told to my Father's brother, Uncle Bruner Collier. "My (Bruner's) Father, Grandfather Thomas Jefferson Collier was born in Indiana, his Father was a preacher, lived and died in Indiana, lived to be quite old, had a large family of 13 plus children, the 1st wife died, the preacher re-married and had additional children, Bruner's Father ran away from home at an early age, never to return until about the time of his Father's death..."

The only other thing I had left to go on was the old family picture album that was passed down to me from my Uncle Bruner Collier, right before his death. On the back of one of the tintypes (of a man, who I am beginning to suspect could be the Rev. John Collier), had written on it, "Mrs. M. F. Mc Mullen, Cassville, Mo. and the name of Hooten. I contacted a relative that lives in that area and he found a woman (her husband's Mother was Sadie Hooten Nickols, daughter of Sarah Collier who married Issac Alexander Hooten in Indiana, and then they moved to 1st Ark., having been met upon their arrival by Sarah Collier Hooten's brother-in-law, Wesley J. Williams, who according to some WPA records I've read in Indiana, Morgan Co., married a Nancy A. Collier, another sister to Thomas

Collier; came to Ark.,1879, they later moved to Missouri and then Okla. Sarah and Issac A. Hooten are in fact buried in Fairland, Okla., not far from here), who had the habdwritten obit on Rev. John Collier along with his 1st wife (of possibly 2-3 ?) and a list of their children. The 1st wife was Mary Ann "Polly" MYERS (note on seperate sheet, this could be how my Dad's brother, MYERS Clark Collier got named). Since the obit had 3 surviving children one a Thomas of Missouri, I, OF COURSE am VERY hopeful this is my correct line, because again noting on seperate sheet, my Grandparents were divorced in 1911 when the Rev. John Collier died (not 1912) and Thomas might have been living with his sister Sarah over in Missouri.

alive in the 1870 census Morgan Co.

There is a marriage record on the Rev. John and Mary Myers Collier and a death record on Rev. John Collier in Morgan Co., but I've been un-able to find their burial place(s). - or Mary's death date - I know there is a Highland Cemetery in Morgan Co. and also one in the Terre Haute area, I just recently wrote to Terre Haute to see what they might have. The newspaper in Martinsville, In. sent an obit on the Rev. John, but not as detailed as the handwritten one. I WISH I could learn where it came from and who wrote it!

You asked about the Mary Collier Beebes listed in the obit, and like you, I don't know which Washington. I've tried Washington, In. and Washington Co., In. with no luck so, I guess next is the state of or D.C. (There is Washington Co., Ark, where the Hootens/Stevens went to - I might try it)

Since I am going on the premise right now that this is my Collier, I have sent for Civil War records on a Jerry- Jeremiah Collier, a brother to a Thomas, to see what may turn up there.

I recieved an obit from Morgan Co., In. on Jerry Collier and it mentioned his 1st wife died while they were living in Missouri. (According to WPA records, a Jeremiah Collier married Eliza Long in 1865, in Morgan Co., In.); the obit went on to say his survivors were a daughter by the first marriage, Mrs. Isaac Lewis, living in Spencer, Owen Co., In. I've tried there, no luck, and Jerry's 2nd wife, gave no name, and 2 sons, Willis and Byrd and a married daughter (no name), living in Daviess Co., have just tried there. Jerry died in Martinsville, Morgan Co., In., 29 Nov. 1906.

IF the Rev. John Collier IS my Great-Grand Father, then Daisy Collier Jones and her sister Pearl are step-sisters to my Grand-Father, Thomas. Of course, Rebecca Smith, who married the Rev. John in 1881, her children from a previous marriage would be my Grand-Father's ½ sisters and brothers. If there would be anyone there in the area that might know of something or someone (left) that I could contact, I would greatly appreciate it.

Thank you for the obit on Daisy Collier Jones. Please let me know what I owe you.

If there is any more info' there, I look forward to hearing from you. If I learn anything that would be helpful to anyone there, I'll be happy to send it along, just let me know.
THANK YOU.

Sincerely,
Mrs. H. Craig Platt
Mary Collier Platt

Mary Collier Platt

P.S. A fellow researcher here keeps telling me she still can't help me prove I'm on the correct Collier but I always keep going back to: "Then what was the tintype doing w/ the Hooten name on it in my family collection??" - - - MP

My Father: Lyman Curtis Collier a/k/a/ Curtis Jefferson Collier

My Father's siblings: Bruner Upshaw Collier 1897-1977---no issue

Rhea Leslie " no issue, died young

Twin-- not named-- died at birth
" " " " " "

MYERS Clark Collier-- no issue, died age 9

-- Lyman Curtis a/k/a/ Curtis Jefferson Collier, born July 1903, Indian Territory, died 12 Jan. 1960, Dewey, Washington Co., Okla.

John Mitchell Collier-- no issue, died young

My Father's Father: Thomas Jefferson Collier, born 16 April 1862/63 in Indiana

Thomas J. Collier married Clara Minerva Duncan 16 July 1896, Washington Co.,Okla. Clara M. Duncan Collier, born 8 Sept. 1866 in Ks.(?). Thomas J. Collier died 4 Nov. 1917, Bartlesville, Washington Co., Okla. Clara Duncan Collier died 17 Dec. 1914, Bartlesville, Washington Co., Okla. Thomas and Clara (Duncan) Collier were divorced July 1911, 2 months after their son, MYERS Clark Collier died in May 1911. My Grandparents were re-married 22 Jan. 1912, Bartlesville, Washington Co., Okla.

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There is a Daisy Collier enumerated with David M. Authier, her step father at W. Terre Haute — 1900 Vigo Co. E.D. #136 p 6

also Jacob Collier, 51, in Sugar Cr. Twp. E.D. 136 p. 12 — 1900 Vigo Co.

* The People's Guide to Morgan Co. 910.9772C p. 179 says John Collier settled in the Co. in 1869

* F.A. Battey's 1884 Counties of Morgan, Monroe and Brown Indiana

p. 366 says that James Lemon married Miss Cynthia, dau. of Malachi and Sarah Collier, by which union they had 3 children - William E., Ira Francis and Thomas J.

Mary (Polly) Myers married John Collyer
on Sept. 21, 1840

This was sent to me from the Missouri lady *

Children were:

? Ann Collyer x
Jane Collyer (maid Gillian) 1862 Murder?
Martha Collyer
? Lizzie Collyer
Mary Collyer (Beebes)?
Sarah Collyer (Wooten) 1870
Nan Collyer (Williams?) 1875
Florence died x in infancy
1920 - 57 / 1863 Jerry Collyer - Jeremiah (Eliza Long(?) D.1 -) 1865
John (E.) Collyer (maid? Sarah Goble?) 1885?
Tom Collyer - Lewis "Doc" Louis Collier (maid? Melissa Wilson) 1879
Malachi Collyer - (maid? Emma Smith) 1887
Tom Collyer. - Thomas J.? - my brand Dad?

Feb 4-184?

Sarah Collyer B. Dec 12-1852 Married L. A. Horton

Children:

4. Elsie TWINS 2-3 died in infancy
2 Nannie
8 Dora Oct 12, 1886
missouri Nickels * 9 Sadie married Gm Bart Nick Oct 9, 18?
10 Bertha 18?
3 Orley - only male - Aug. 21 1874 - Little Rock, Ar
1. Molly 1870
5. Minnie - ~~Sept~~ 15 1878
6 Maude - Nov 23. 1881
7 Mima - ~~May~~ Sept 5-1884 maid Blossom

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June 4, 1992

Recently the Vigo County Historical Society forwarded your letter of April 27th to me here at the library. It was the second letter that you had sent to the Historical Society but the first one that I received.

I am not sure what obituary you are referring to but assume it may have been that of Daisy Collier (Mrs. Cozzie) Jones. You mentioned that Rev. John Collier (1820-~~1912~~ 1911) was the father of Daisy Jones but did not say how you were descended from them. You also mentioned that you would appreciate receiving any information about them.

Thus, I am enclosing a photocopy of the Indiana Soundex for John Collier that shows him living in Clay twp. of Morgan county. This would be south of Mooresville. This says he was born in 1822 rather than 1820, which you mentioned.

When I checked our Vigo county marriage records I discovered that a Daisy Collier born June 3, 1888 married a Francis M. Gates on Sep. 24, 1908. Do you know anything about that? It may be a different Daisy Jones as this one was born in 1888 and the soundex shows "your" Daisy Jones to have been born in 1883.

The day I received your letter there happened to be an elderly patron here who once knew Rev. Cozzie Jones and Cozzie Jones, Jr. who was convicted of murdering a West Terre Haute girl on her 12th birthday in 1941. He knows about the Jones', including the murderer, but not the Colliers. If you would like I could send you his name and address. Rev. Jones did have respectable children and grandchildren, but they are mostly deceased including Max Jones, who was a highly respected director of the Boys' Club here in Terre Haute. I think he has children living here although the Jones name is so common it might be hard for me to distinguish his survivors from others that have the same name.

The faded photocopy that I received from you is somewhat unclear to me, but it is possible that if you sent me more information I might be able to assist you further. For example, where did Rev. John Collier die? Where did Mary Beebe and Mrs. Sarah Hooten live? You mentioned that Mary lived in Washington, but did you mean the state or Washington D.C.?

The library charges 10¢ per page for photocopies plus postage.

David N. Lewis

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Back in Feb. of this year, I contacted you regarding my Collier family research.

Since the enclosed obit showed the daughter, Daisy Collier Jones, wife of Cozzie Jones , of West Terre Haute, I just wondered if there might be some infromation on Any of the family connecting names , anyone researcing these lines, any records, or distant family members that I might contact , that would be helpful in my search.

I WILL APPRECAITE ANY information you can supply for me.

THAMK YOU.

SINCERELY,
Mrs. H. Craig Platt

She is not in Vigo Co. Birth Records

Daisy Collier, June 3, 1888 - Sept. 26, 1940 ? married Francis R. Gates Sept. 24, 1908 Bk. 25, p. 163.

1st Hooten COLLIER- C 460

Notes from Obituary of John Collier Reverend
(Sadie) Grandmother Hooten father
Born in Kentucky Sept 29 1820
Moved to Indiana Monroe Co. in his Youth
United in marriage age 18 to Mary Myers.
Father of 13 Children
3 living in 1912.
Mary Beebe of Washington BEEBE
Thomas Collier } of Mentone
Mrs Jack Hooten
Later Married to Rebecca Smith
2 Children were of this marriage
Mrs Lucy Jones West Terre Haute Ind.
Miss Pearl Collier of the home
At early age Converted - joined the Methodist,
Bayhit Church and God called him to labor in
his vineyard. Preached nearly ~~65~~ years.
Funeral services at the home by Rev. Cozzie Jones
of West Terre Haute Ind.

Died at the age of 92 yrs 2 mos + 25 days.
Born Sept 29 1820 Died Dec 24 1912

Survivors
Wife Rebecca Smith
5 Children
Children Step by Rebecca Smith (before this marriage
Mrs. Frank Smith Owen Co Mr Edward Smith Morgan Co
Della Bayliff Morgan Co

Pall Bearers Chamberdeacons
Alfred Pike Jim Mark
Johnny Pike Edward Smith
Gilbert Marley Lewis Bayliff

Song sung were
Nearer my God to Thee
Jesus lover of my Soul
A-sleep in Jesus
Rock of Ages

Burial was in Highland Cemetery

(c. 1880 – c. 1940)

Max Jones, late of the N.N. Baja Club, was the grandson of Rev. Cozzie Merrill Jones, who is buried at Bethesda Cem.

Herbert F Smith
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